

MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 6/2/24

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); R. Barnhart (RB); D. Bates (DB); J. Hansell (JH); G. Stevenson (GS)

2024 Spring Season Closeout

SB stated since the last Board meeting was on 2/10/24, there are some closeout Board items which need to be closed.

1. Action Items

SB emailed the BKMT7 schedule and teams/manager files to Tom Lowry (TL) at BLD. **Item closed.**

2. Open items from previous meetings

- a. RB contacted TL re: availability of Thurs-Fri, December 5-6, 2024 for Christmas Tournament for “Toys for Tots”. This was looked into because of the possibility of needing to raise money in order to purchase a new defibrillator. In generously purchasing our old league defibrillator and donating \$200 toward the purchase of league softballs, Dan Olivas removed the need for the league to conduct a 2024 Christmas Tournament. **Item closed.**
- b. Certificates of Insurance – JH stated since SSUSA had been delinquent in getting us an invoice for our 2024 insurance, they were also delinquent in getting us our insurance certs. JH began contacting Stephanie Hopkins (SSUSA insurance) in early February, requesting certs. Because of staffing issues, JH did not hear back from her until April 2024. JH received certs on 4/17/24 and forwarded copies to SB on 4/26/24. A point of note, Amal Oraiat (female) will be the person handling insurance, at SSUSA, going forward. **Item closed.**
- c. GS informed the Board that we will now have to renew our Security Certificate annually, instead of every 2 years. He indicated that it's merely an administrative matter, not a cost issue.

3. 2024 Spring Season

Balance:

\$243.05 - from 2/10/24 meeting

- \$98.43 - add'l cost Domain Name Registration, add'l awards cost (rings), MVUDSS donation to BKMT7, rescheduling regular season games, extra ump's for playoffs/tournaments, no charge Bob Olsen, stop payment check, add'l awards cost (jackets)

\$144.62 **Item closed.**

4. Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament (BKMT7) - 2024

- a. 18 teams participated
- b. Net Profit: SB/JH delivered check for \$2,700 to Tim LeBlanc, 4 Paws 4 Patriots on March 8, 2024.
- c. Lessons learned: Teams must commit to play 3 games.
- d. A special thank you to Glenn's sister, Valerie, for assisting in running the tournament. **Item closed.**

5. Resignation of Board Member – Ed Rushing

Ed Rushing submitted his resignation on 3/17/24, and the Board, regrettably, accepted his resignation. The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to Ed for his time commitments and contributions while a member of the Board. **Item closed.**

6. New Board Member

Via texts from SB to Board members on 4/30/24 and 5/6/24, without formal motion/vote, but by unanimous agreement of the Board, David Bates was approved as the new Board member, replacing Ed Rushing effective May 6, 2024.

Welcome, David! **Item closed.**

**7. Roster Changes - REDACT this agenda item only IF NO CHANGES from last board meeting.
(Changes, if any, identified in red below.)**

a. Roster Openings (in roster opening order):

b. Pool/Waiting List Players (in eligibility order):

8/7/23: Robbie Baptista (1), Ed Carroll (6), Herb Younker (6), Greg Cole (6)

9/11/23: Jerry Smith (5)

10/10/23: Tom Larson (3)

10/23/23: Tom Olsen (2), Chip Harkey (2)

10/30/23: John Benedict (3)

11/12/23: Rawlin Dean (2)

11/27/23: Frank Camou (2)

1/31/24: Bill Ward (5)

c. Injured List (IL):

7/30/23: Bill Newman (2) --- not available until 2024 Spring Season

8/2/23: Bill Ward (4) --- knee injury, will let SB know when ready to play

d. Miscellaneous Changes:

8/11/23: Leonard Sanchez (2) replaced Mark Aumann (3) on TP; Aumann -> pool

8/15/23: Greg Cole (6) replaced Juan Guerrero (6) on The A-Team

9/18/23: Roy Alberts (1) replaced Tom Larson (3) on TP; TP was missing a 1

10/16/23: Tom Larson (3) replaced Randy Reynolds (3) on Greyhounds; Randy moved to San Diego

11/6/23: Robbie Baptista (1) replaced Terry Shinn (1) on Balls on Base; Shinn -> pool

11/6/23: Herb Younker (6) replaced Dennis McCoy (6) on Balls on Base

11/10/23: Chip Harkey (2) replaced Rod Prather (3) on The A-Team

11/12/23: Jerry Smith (5) replaced Brian Allen (4) on Blue Bolts

11/12/23: Dave English (4) -> pool

12/11/23: Paul Pena (3) -> pool

12/11/23: Jack Buss (4) -> pool

12/27/23: Mark Aumann (3) replaced Al Underwood (4) on TP

1/8/24: Tom Olsen (2) replaced Tom Larson (3) on Greyhounds

2/14/24: Tom Larson (3) replaced Bob Miller (6) on TP; TP was missing a 3

2/26/24: Pete Cortez (4) -> pool

4/29/24: Bill Ward (5) replaced Ed Rushing (5) on Blue Bolts

2024 Fall Season

1. Important Dates

Sunday, July 21, 2024 - Player Rating by Board;

week of August 5, 2024 - Player Draft;

Monday, August 12, 2014 - Start of Fall Season. **Item remains open.**

2. 11 Defensive Players

This topic was raised by Taylor Made Pool (TP) manager, Don Chandler, with SB. The Board briefly discussed this topic today, and agreed, unanimously, without vote, that this topic was handled at the 7/8/22 Board meeting and was reflected in the Board meeting minutes of that meeting. **Item closed.**

3. Revisit SSUSA Rule Changes 1.5 Batters Box and 7.3 Batting Position

- a. The revised SSUSA rule regarding the batter's box was not adopted (unanimous) by the Board at the 12/27/23 Board meeting. Rule 30 reflects the current MVUDSS rule. Although this decision was reflected in the 12/27/23 Board minutes and was/is posted on the league website home page, there was recent confusion regarding this rule during a game on the last day of the Spring season, such that it was deemed appropriate to revisit the issue.
- b. Some discussion centered on the idea that this change was done primarily to deal with batters who “run up” at the ball. JH pointed out that one point of concern/difference was that the USSSA (U-trip) whose rule it is that was adopted by SSUSA, has a batter's box with dimensions of 5 1/2' in length and 3' in width, compared to SSUSA's batter's box dimensions of 7' in length and 3' in width. JH pointed out another problem with the revised rule is an umpire having to make a determination of whether a batter's rear foot is in front of an “imaginary” line defining the front edge of home plate. RB also pointed out that U-trip uses only home plate, and does not use a mat.
- c. Both RB and JH pointed out that the revised rule is poorly written, including leaving “unclear” as to the determination of what to call if the front foot is out of the **front** of the batter's box.
- d. GS indicated that he would like more time to consider this issue. Without vote, but by unanimous consensus, it was agreed to table this issue until the next Board meeting. **Item remains open.**

4. Draft List (as of 5/28/24)

SB prepared a preliminary draft list as of 5/31/24. SB shows 68 players who have indicated that they will be playing in the 2024-2025 seasons. RB indicated that M. O'Donnell will be returning, and SB indicated that Bill Newman will be added to the draft, thus putting our current total number of players at 70. There is the feeling that this number will, probably, be exceeded. Based on the current number of 70, this would result in six (6) local teams.

Item remains open.

5. Issues

As of this writing, the Board is not aware of any returning managers, nor any players who have stepped forward to manage for the 2024-2025 seasons. Based on the preliminary numbers from item 4. preceding, it appears we will need at least 6 local team managers. The Board expressed its disappointment and dissatisfaction with having to go through this ordeal each year of identifying managers, with particular frustration directed at the many long-term Monday league players who have never stepped up to manage. JH will prepare an email from the Board to players regarding this need. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, JH forwarded email to SB who sent email to all league players on 6/14/24). **Item remains open.**

6. BOD Photo

A new Board photo was taken and, subsequent to the Board meeting, was posted on the league website.

Item closed.